

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-31 Cancelled

32. (Previously Presented) An automated provisioning system for enabling activation of users and services in a distributed electronic system, which provisioning system is adapted to use an LDAP or X.500 compatible directory enabled information repository, the system comprising

a service manager adapted to interact with the information repository and components of a distributed electronic system, the information repository comprises a scalable data model,

wherein the service manager is adapted to log on to a directory and interacts therewith to create, delete, amend or search for information in the information repository and

wherein the data model comprises domains, which domains comprise object types of users, services, profiles and infrastructure, such that a user is assigned to a profile, which profile is adapted to access a plurality of services, which services run on infrastructure,

and wherein the data model comprises further objects, which further objects are configuration objects for intercommunicating between said object types of users, services, profiles and infrastructure, which configuration objects comprise

a profile service configuration object, a user service configuration object and a service infrastructure configuration object,

wherein a user service configuration object is adapted to configure use of the service when associated with a particular user,

a profile service configuration object is adapted to configure aspects of the service when associated with a particular profile and

a service infrastructure configuration object is adapted to configure aspects of the service when associated with a particular piece of infrastructure.

33. (Previously Presented) An automated provisioning system according to Claim 32, in which a user is assigned a plurality of profiles which profiles comprise a plurality of services.

34. (Previously Presented) An automated provisioning system according to Claim 32, wherein the domain contains sub-organizations.

35. (Previously Presented) An automated provisioning system according to Claim 33, wherein the domain contains sub-organizations.